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them without the previous sanction of the Government. Their recommendations for increased staff or funds were more often vetoed than sanctioned. Sanction was also required to impose any new tax or toll and their proposals were not treated with consideration by the Government. Recently, the Committee at Kottayam had proposed the levy of a toll on carts coming into the town and stopping there for days to the detriment of the santitation of the town, but sanction was not given. Unless, therefore, the Committees were viewed as important bodies and greater trust reposed in them, and unless they were allowed wider powers and discretion in spending their funds, they could not serve the useful purpose that they were intended to do. The Member therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to take steps to improve the status and constitution of the Committees.

Mr. K. Krishnan Pandalay, B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) said that, under the Rules dated 8th March 1910, all appointments under the Committee on Rs. 30 and below were disposed of by the President, and it was also competent to the latter to dismiss, punish, grant leave, in fact do everything, in the case of such men without reference to the Committee. In the case of the Quilon Committee, there was no appointment carrying a salary above Rs. 20, and that being so, complete control over the entire staff was now with the President. He said that, for the sake of discipline and better control over the establishment, the Committee should know how things were going on. It was not the intention that the Committee should have power over every member of the staff down to a scavenger, but the Sanitary Inspector of the Town, the highest paid among the staff and the chief executive officer, should at least be under the control of the Committee. This disability of the Committee, coupled with their helplessness in the matter of spending their money, placed the Committee in an awkward position, for, speaking for Quilon, the Committee had nothing more to do than to have the streets swept and the few lamps in the town lit. The Member therefore said that it was desirable that the position of the Committees should be improved from what it was.

Dewan's reply.—The matter will be considered.

48. *Establishment of a Town Improvement Committee at Ettumanur.*

Mr. Varkey Kora (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that Ettumanur was a large town containing a famous temple and a big church resorted to by large crowds of people every year. There was, besides, a large market at Athirampuzha, which was always in a dirty condition. It was

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that market that supplied rice, paddy etc. to the taluks of Meenachil, Muvattupuzha and to some of the Estates. The sanitation of the town was in a most neglected condition. There were no street lights and the water of the tanks was very dirty. The Member therefore prayed that, for the better sanitation of the place, a Town Improvement Committee might be established at Ettumanur, as was recently done in Alwaye.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

The Assembly adjourned at 5 P. M.

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